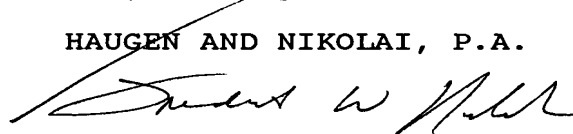


Official Action, i.e. sonic welding, adhesive bonding and bonding by a heated metal press, are believed to be incapable of forming a balloon catheter with the features defined in Claims 16-23.

Consideration of Claims 16-25 on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

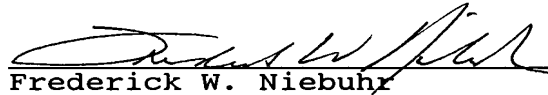
HAUGEN AND NIKOLAI, P.A.



Frederick W. Niebuhr
Registration No. 27,717
Attorneys for Applicants
820 International Centre
900 Second Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55402
(612) 339-7461

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment and Election of Claims in application Serial No. 07/800,201 of Michael R. Forman, filed November 29, 1991, for "LASER BONDING OF ANGIOPLASTY BALLOON CATHETERS" is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231 on August 25, 1992.


Frederick W. Niebuhr